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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED - CONDEMNING HOSTAGE TAKING AND MURDERS

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1. (U) Poloff delivered demarche per reftel 2 August to Mohamed Omar Djama, head of American affairs in the Bilateral Relations department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Djama agreed that the actions taken by terrorists in Iraq should be condemned and were not in line with the peaceful nature of Islam. He commented that perhaps at the next meeting of the Arab League, the countries might propose an official statement. Poloff then asked if the Government of Djibouti would be considering making a public statement against the terrorist actions in Iraq individually. Djama replied that he would pass the message to his superiors for consideration of the matter.

2. Minimize considered.

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